

**Remarks**

The amendment adds new claim 9 which specifies that the bubbles are self-generated. The claim is supported at page 3, lines 23-24. The self-generated feature further distinguishes from the art of record.

Bubbles formed mechanically e.g. by injection or stirring, will typically have a distribution that is at least partly a function of reproducible parameter selections. Self-generated bubble patterns are therefore less similar to each other and are more advantageously employed in the visual authentication step.

Respectfully submitted,  
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